

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday April 20, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, George Mellor, Maggie Komosinski, Bill Wilson, Becky Ballard, Pat Doyle and Paul Deane. Also present representing the Block Island Times was Judy Tierney. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Not present: Chris Blansfield and Chris Blane

Public Input

Mary Sue Record showed a newspaper clipping from Milford, CT about a new blood test for lyme's disease.

There was a discussion about the notebook she is keeping.

Approval of minutes from April 6, 2010

Minutes were approved in a motion by Becky Ballard and seconded by George Mellor.

Ayes 7 (Record, Mellor, Komosinski, Wilson, Ballard, Doyle and Deane)

Nays 0

Absent 2 (Blansfield, Blane)

Old Business (Reports)

- CDC grant – Mr. Wilson reported that he had not heard anything yet from CDC.
- Fish/Krause study – Mr. Wilson reported that he is doing all he can to keep in contact. He explained about the e-mail (attached) from Maria Duik-Wasser about gathering volunteers for tic dragging in May and June. Pat Doyle suggested contacting the Block Island school for a science student to be involved. Everyone on the task force volunteered to help.
- RI Department of Health – Pat Doyle reported that Dr. Gifford of the Dept. of Health expressed interest in the task force. He will be invited to a meeting of the group. He would also like to spend time at the Block Island Medical Center when he visits.
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A motion was made by Becky Ballard and seconded by Pat Doyle to invite Dr. Gifford to a Deer Task Force meeting.

Ayes 7 (Record, Mellor, Komosinski, Wilson, Ballard, Doyle and Deane)

Nays 0

Absent 2 (Blansfield, Blane)

- **Deer reduction plan**

TNC – It was reported that Scott Comings said that the Nature Conservancy was not against hunting and would like to talk with the Deer Task Force.

Suggested rules/procedures for hunting on conservation lands.

Attached is a work in progress on the rules/procedures. The subcommittee will make some additions and report at the next meeting. It was decided to invite the three conservation groups to a meeting at the same time so that everyone hears the same information.

Chris Blane was looking into an indemnification document; such as the one on Graham Jones's land, but was not present to give a report. Mary Sue will investigate RIGL 32-6-3, a RI law about liability and hunting. The Subcommittee will work up an invitation and presentation to the Conservation Groups.

Mary Sue Record will contact the BI Scout Camp landowner about possibly opening up that land for hunting.

Ray Torrey, Second Warden was contacted about RIAC land and he passed the request on to RIAC.

New Business

- Discussion of DEM meeting of 4/14/2010 – Mary Sue Record thought that the meeting went well. Attached is a copy of the power point presentation that the DEM presented. Mary Sue Record thought that a motion would be in order to accept the DEM count of 800 deer. After much discussion about methods and mileage this motion was withdrawn and tabled until an accurate square mileage could be obtained.
- Review & discuss the task force's charge from the Town Council
This item was tabled and will be on next meeting's agenda.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Pat Doyle at 9:00 p.m. and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 5/18/2010

Bonny Ryan